

## **About the 2007 Disability Awareness Month Theme**

The theme of this year's campaign is "Room for Everyone." The 2007 poster pictures a family moving into a new neighborhood – with neighbors gathered to welcome them. A young boy with a physical disability plays in his new yard with new friends. The message communicates that everyone is welcome in the neighborhood, and that there is "room" for everyone – even if they have disabilities. This theme captures the community spirit of inclusion. There is indeed room for all of us and the talents we each bring to make the community a better place to live. March Awareness Month planning packets 00-CH and 00-AD offer suggestions for activities using the theme for adults and children. All planning packets are available online at [www.in.gov/gpcpd](http://www.in.gov/gpcpd).

Thank you for helping engage your community in celebrating disability awareness. Last year, almost 20,000 people were reached through grassroots special events and education programs coordinated by advocates with the help of the activity and information packets.

### ***2007 Community Spirit Awards*** **Disability Awareness Campaign Awards**

The Governor's Council for People with Disabilities annually recognizes one individual and one group/organization who organize an exemplary Disability Awareness campaign that helps change attitudes and enhance the perception of the value and contributions of people with disabilities.

We invite you to participate in next year's awards program. 2007 Community Spirit Awards applications will be posted on the Council's Web site at [www.in.gov/gpcpd](http://www.in.gov/gpcpd) next spring.

Campaigns must use Council materials and will be evaluated on creativity, participation and proven results. Please use the enclosed evaluation form for tracking your campaign outcomes. Additional information such as media clippings, event photos, etc., will be considered as part of the evaluation process. For more ideas on evaluation techniques, getting media coverage and planning events take a look at the Council's March Awareness Month planning packets, which are all available online.

Please contact the Council at 317-232-7774 or [cdahlberg@gpcpd.org](mailto:cdahlberg@gpcpd.org) for more information about the awards or to be put on the mailing list to receive an application when it is available.